

## IN NORWICH FIFTY YEARS AGO

Aug. 29, 1870.—Dr. C. B. Webster, U. S. consul to Sheffield, leaves town today for his post abroad. Dr. Webster recently received his appointment to this post.

From a list just published by the navy department we learn that Rear Admiral Latham will retire July 18, 1872.

The composers of this city held their annual excursion and picnic last Saturday at Gardner Lake. Mr. Tracy supervised the feeding arrangements. While preparations were being made for the sack races, the party was favored by a speech from Sammy and a song from Mr. Higgins. The orator at this stage of the proceedings not being able to talk United States fluently, was persuaded to alight from the fence upon which he had taken a position and lie down on the grass, his eyes continually winking at two imaginary thumbs. The attack soon passed away and he was harmless again. The party returned to Norwich at about 6 o'clock, feeling that they had put in a "hell" day most agreeably.

Aug. 30, 1870.—Deacon Colt, an old, well known and respected citizen, died at his residence on Union street yesterday afternoon.

We are authorized to state that there is no truth whatever in the rumor relative to the closing of the Wauregan house.

C. Eugene Adams, treasurer of the town of Preston and a justice of the peace, died from a stroke of apoplexy at his home in Preston yesterday.

At Paris prodigious preparations for a stage are going on. The enemy is expected to appear within a week and all foreigners have been ordered to leave the city.

The members of the 26th regiment are looking forward with much interest to their annual reunion, which takes place on the 6th of September at Thames Grove, a few miles below this city.

Marine intelligence for today shows that eleven vessels arrived and three departed from the port of Norwich yesterday.

Aug. 31, 1870.—The Baltic bridge is fast being completed. On Monday one-half of the bridge was planked and in a few days hence it will be passable.

The airline telegraph poles between Middletown and New Haven are all set and the contractors are preparing to stretch the wires over them.

Ground was broken Tuesday for a turntable for the horse railroad on Franklin street near the square. It is now announced that the cars will be put on the road on Thursday.

The shoddy mill of A. & W. Potter at Westerville, in Killingly, took fire on Tuesday at about 5 o'clock and was entirely destroyed.

The excavating on the site of the proposed

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posed new city hall discloses that in all probability the entire business portion of the city was in times long since past entirely submerged. It is also thought that the water flowed back upon the rocks in the rear of Dr. Arms' church and an extensive lake reached thence to the Thames river. In those times Jail Hill was probably an inlet where the waters were collected before they passed down towards the ocean. The rise of the bottom of this lake furnished the soil where now stands so many beautiful residences with their fertile gardens.

September 1, 1870.—A cargo of 300 bushels of oysters was received in port yesterday. A number were bedded near the drawbridge for a reserve but the advance guard skimmed into Captain Amos Chapman's market where they were overpowered and imprisoned.

Yesterday morning Miss Lydia Ayer of Preston and Miss Ayer, daughter of Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Lowell, Mass., were thrown from a carriage in Franklin square. With the exception of a severe shock and some slight bruises the occupants were unharmed.

The yacht Jennie, Capt. Card, while on a passage from Block Island to Stonington, Tuesday, collided with the schooner Mianars of Southport, Conn., off Point Judith. The passengers were terribly frightened and expected the vessel would sink. The schooner heave to and took the Jennie's passengers 23 in number, on board and brought them to Stonington. It was a narrow escape for all.

The people are praying for rain, not that the wells may be replenished, but that the dust may be modified.

We are glad to perceive that the decisive action of the trustees of the Otis library is arousing some degree of public interest in the subject of reopening the library.

September 2, 1870.—Twenty-three vessels are lying at the coal wharf.

N. D. Sevin has obtained from plum and prune trees in his orchard on Laurel Hill, a full crop of fruit this year by sprinkling salt on the foliage and bedding it around the roots. The idea was obtained from the old proverb in regard to catching birds by the use of salt and improved upon. The trees had never borne previously.

News from France shows that the tide of war is turning. French victories are reported and the Prussian left wing has been defeated. Parisians are regaining their confidence.

The New Haven Grays have given up their proposed visit to this city. It is learned, however, that the Montgomery Guard of New Haven have voted to make an excursion to Norwich sometime during the month.

The Willimantic Camp Meeting is in full swing. The Rev. N. G. Lippitt of Norwich preached at the evening service.

September 3, 1870.—The new church building of the German Lutheran society will be occupied tomorrow for the first time.

A post office has been established at Tataville and Henry F. Harrington appointed postmaster.

Water has been proscribed on Laurel

Hill for a few days until the reservoir is repaired. The consequences are to be dreaded.

The surf at Watch Hill yesterday was remarkably heavy the waves running up the beach 60 feet above high water mark.

At one time it broke over the narrow ridge near the lighthouse dividing the west from the east side.

Official returns place the population of Danbury at 8,754.

Owing to the fog the New York boat was delayed yesterday not arriving at Allyn's Point until noon.

The west front of the steamboat wharf was completed yesterday and a flooring partially laid. The Sunday morning boat will come up to the city.

### LODGE NOTES

#### ELKS.

Past Exalted Ruler's Night at the meeting of Norwich lodge, No. 430, last Thursday evening brought out a large attendance and made the session one of much interest. Seven candidates were present for initiation and had the degree conferred upon them by a team of past exalted rulers who did the initiatory work in admirable form, which was followed by some of the extra "old stuff" that had not been sent in the lodge room for a dozen years. Exalted Ruler John L. Counihan presided at the regular business session, but turned the meeting over to the following for the initiation: James P. Hayes, E. R.; L. E. Milles, E. Lead. K.; John H. Carney, E. Loyal K.; James Casey, E. Lect. K.; William R. Stevens, equirer; James Pardon, inner guard; Stephen J. Kehoe, treasurer; Frank Aubrey, chaplain; John Cleary, N. J. Ayling, trustees.

Announcement was made of the dates of the meeting of the lodge on Sept. 23 to Oct. 3, which will be held in the Elks house. It is planned to make this one of the biggest events ever carried out by the lodge and the members were all urged to put in their best work to make the fair a grand success.

Invitations to attend the fair are to be sent to the lodges in New London, Willimantic, Putnam, Rockville and Westerville.

#### EASTERN STAR.

Robert Morris Day, the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Order of Eastern Star, was celebrated Tuesday by members of that order from all parts of the state. The day was marked by an outing which this was held at Ocean Beach.

The business meeting was held at Wordell's pavilion at 11:30 o'clock with Fred L. Fleetham of Deep River, Conn., presiding. The reports of the officers were read and approved from the lodge.

Miss M. Louise Ginnard of Bridgeport, worthy grand matron of Connecticut, read a very interesting history of the life of Robert Morris.

Mrs. Ellie Lines Chaplin, most worthy grand matron of the United States, was present and spoke of her visits to the different grand chapters throughout the United States and of the work being accomplished by the order. Charles C. Perkins, grand master of the Masonic order in Connecticut, was also present and spoke interestingly.

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an excellent dinner was served in fine style and to which all present did justice. The menu was as follows: Chicken, chowder, steamed clams, baked sea trout, tomato sauce, clam fritters, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, corn, watermelon.

### MASONRY.

Saturday, Sept. 11, promises to be a big day in the annals of New London Masonry. That is the date set for the Masonic club picnic and the committee in charge is making the arrangements with the intention of eclipsing all previous outings held under the auspices of the club. The affair is open to all master masons and it is expected that there will be a very large attendance. It will be held at the Golden Spur.

This year more attention will be paid to games and sports. An interesting program will be arranged and prizes provided for the winners of the events. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2 after which the games will be called. The clambake will be opened, between 4 and 5 in the afternoon, and it is promised that it will be some bake.

### REBEKAHS.

Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 21, held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows' hall with Mrs. Florence Douglas, the presiding officer. Routine business was transacted. After the meeting a social hour was spent with various kinds of games.

At the next regular meeting, Set. 15, there will be initiation.

### MANCHESTER UNITY.

The meeting of H. H. Osgood lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., was held in Pythian hall, Friday evening with Mrs. Florence Douglas, the presiding officer. Routine business was transacted. After the meeting a social hour was spent with various kinds of games.

A number of the members are planning to attend the opening of the Community building in Plainfield, on Monday, Sept. 7, and it is earnestly hoped as many as possible will join in the effort. There will be a parade at 8 a. m., sports in the afternoon, and dancing in the evening.

The bowling league is starting and will be quite interesting for many of the members and also their friends. We expect to have all the members in the league this year.

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